

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to a divisional application of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/873,842, filed June 4, 2001. The Applicant has cancelled prior claims 1-21.

Applicant believes that the pending claims 22 and 23 are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

While no fee is believed due, if any fee is due, please use Deposit Account No. 02-0393.

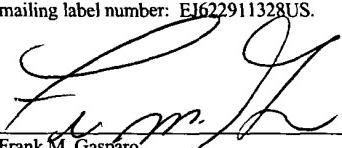
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